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MEMORANDUM

To: Ted Prescott

From: Deanna Glosser *DG*

Date: March 15, 2000

Re: Information Request for at Site in Sauget - Follow up
St. Clair County
T2N, R10W, Section 33 &
T2N, R10W, Sections 27 & 28

I faxed you a memo this morning with listed endangered and threatened and intolerant fish species information for the areas you had identified on a map, and said I would provide additional information if available. I spoke to our field biologist this afternoon and she provided the following information:

Peregrine Falcon - the Peregrine Falcon is documented as nesting at two bridges to the north of this area, the I-270 and the McKinley bridges. There is a bridge immediately north of the Sauget site, so a possibility exists that this species could nest there at some time in the future.

Wetland Birds - I had identified birds that were documented as nesting in the Sauget area. There are other wetland -dependent bird species that could be nesting here as well, based on occurrences in similar habitat in the general area. Even if they do not nest in the area, they would likely be using the wetland as feeding areas. These include:

- Pied-billed Grebe
- Least Bitterns
- American Bitterns
- Yellow-headed Blackbirds (old record from Horseshoe Lake)
- White Pelicans (migratory only)
- Glossy Ibis (migratory only)

Fish - the Pallid sturgeon, federally and state listed as endangered, occurs in the Mississippi River, although not documented immediately adjacent to the Sauget site.

Fishing/Recreation - I have no documented evidence that people fish or recreate in this area, although the nearby bridge is closed to traffic and the bank is suitable for fishing. Our field staff said that it is likely that the area is fished but she has not actually seen people do so.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to contact me at 785-5500.

Cc Steve Davis